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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
MARCH 6, 1974:

QUOTE:Q.IS THE SECRETARY, OR IS THE DEPARTMENT, AT ALL
CONCERNED ABOUT THE TROOP BUILDUP ON THE SYRIAN SIDE OF THAT
FRONTIER?

A. WELL, I WOULD SAY WE REGARD THE GOLAN SITUATION AS A
MATTER OF CONCERN -- WHICH IS WHY WE HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN
PURSUING IT: DISENGAGEMENT EFFORTS IN THAT AREA. AND AS
LONG AS THERE IS NO STABILIZATION IN THE AREA, WHY, OBVIOUS-
LY IT REMAINS DELICATE AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO BE WATCHING IT.

Q. DO YOU STILL EXPECT THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE DISENGAGE-
MENT TALKS TO BEGIN IN WASHINGTON IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS?

A. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING MORE ON THIS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT
THE PROCESS WILL GO AS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BEFORE.

Q- THE SECRETARY ON THE HILL TOLD REPORTERS AFTER HIS
SESSION THAT HE EXPECTED IT TO BEGIN WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

A. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. THAT'S THE PROCESS THAT'S BEEN
DESCRIBED. I HAVE NO OTHER DETAILS BEYOND THAT POINT.

Q. THE EGYPTIAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE SIGNED YESTERDAY -- THE
REPORTS THAT WE HAVE SEEN OF IT -- SAY THAT THE SOVIET
UNION SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH ALL FUTURE EFFORTS
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TOWARDS SETTLEMENT. DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU WOULD EXPECT
THEM TO TAKE PART IN THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI TALKS HERE?

A. I DON'T THINK I SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE THIS AT ALL
AT THIS STAGE. WE KNOW THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS PRE-
VAILED THROUGHOUT SO FAR AND THEY HAVE BEEN THE CO-GUARAN-
TORS IN ALL GENEVA ACTIVITIES. AND I HAVE NO BASIS FOR
DESCRIBING ANY PARTICULAR SHIFTS IN THE ACTIVITIES WHICH

LIE AHEAD. I HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FUTURE.
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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